



# Los Angeles County Commission on Local Governmental Services

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## MINUTES

February 1, 2005 Meeting  
739 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
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**Chairperson**  
Richard J. Rosenthal, CRE  
**Vice-Chairperson**  
Patricia G. Gray  
Wendy M. Brogin,  
A.I.C.P.  
Walter P. Coombs  
Shana E. Epstein.  
Gordon Gray  
Rodrigo A. Guerra, Jr.  
Algird Leiga  
Sharon Martinez  
Deborah H. O'Connor  
Kenneth D. Rozell  
William Selditz  
David Spence  
Terri Tippit  
Benjamin "Frank" Venti

Chairperson Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

### APPROVAL OF JANUARY 4, 2005 MINUTES

**On motion of Chairperson Rosenthal, seconded by Commissioner Spence, the Commission unanimously approved the December 7, 2004 Minutes.**

### UPDATE ON CALTRANS PROJECT

Chairperson Rosenthal advised members of Commissioner Guerra's irregular work schedule, and urged the other Committee members to meet with Caltrans before reporting back to the Commission. Commissioner Spence suggested the Commission develop six to eight different projects/proposals for Caltrans consideration. After talking with staff, Caltrans representative Wilford Milton advised he would prepare materials for Commission review. Staff reported that Caltrans underwent a significant office move which hindered their availability to meet with the Commission. Chairperson Rosenthal stressed the importance of communication with Caltrans and reiterated the project could be lost entirely if communications cease. In response to Commissioner Spence, Vice-Chairperson Gray reported Caltrans has livable communities. Commissioner Spence mentioned an unfinished Caltrans project in La Canada Flintridge totaled over \$100,000 and is still incomplete. Commissioner Epstein stated two items remain open from the last Committee meeting with Caltrans. 1) letters written... 2) Coordinate a meeting with Public Works Director re: surrounding communities in the County would be facilitated by the Commission. Chairperson Rosenthal advised programs should be jointly presented by Caltrans and the Commission. Commissioner Spence suggested hosting a forum in the San Gabriel Valley with Commissioner O'Connor as the emcee. Commissioner's Leiga and Spence advised open-ended issues brought forth to the Commission should be addressed. Commissioner Epstein stated Caltrans will perform the legwork and necessary staffing for the meeting as needed.

Commissioner Martinez will set up meeting with Caltrans and report back to Chairperson Rosenthal on logistics as needed.

### CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Rosenthal reported Board Deputies are unable to meet with the Commission to discuss 911 Wireless issue at regularly scheduled (Tuesday) Commission meetings, however, Commission members are invited to attend one of their regular meeting(s) which occur every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Chairperson Rosenthal, Vice Chairperson Pat Gray and Ella Sotelo, 911 County Coordinator, will attend an upcoming Board Deputies' meeting and encouraged all Commission members to participate. Chairperson Rosenthal advised

the Sheriff has committed to past meetings but has not attended. Commissioner Selditz asked if smaller cities are involved in the 911 Wireless Project.

**UPDATE ON THE COMMISSION SUNSET REVIEW PROCESS WITH REGARD TO BYLAWS, CHARTER, AND MISSION STATEMENT OF THE COMMISSION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES**

Commissioner Epstein requested items concerning water governance and solid waste be added to the Commission's five year review. Chairperson Rosenthal instructed staff to forward Commissioner Epstein's suggestions to Commissioner Rozell. Chairperson Rosenthal commented on the complexity of water districts infrastructure and reemphasized the need to clearly articulate the Commission's views/position to ensure it coincides with its charter. Commissioner Venti stated the costs of water purification are a financial drain on City/County resources. Commissioner Epstein reported the State implements the EPA regulations and the County assists in enforcing the public health aspect of water related issues. Commissioner Spence recommended contacting the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board to determine the County's specific role in water issues. Commissioner Tippit advised she can contact Dr. Gene Nebeker and research the necessary information for the Commission's benefit. Commissioner Spence stated he will contact newly appointed State representative Marianne Luss and inquire about water issues in the County. Commissioner Leiga recommended formulating the Commission's concerns into three separate categories; water quality, water supply and water cost.

Commissioner Epstein suggested the need for transfer stations in Los Angeles (Westside) to ease waste disposal countywide, facilitate cost effective collection sites for diversions in the County's landfill and offset the additional influx of multi-family units. In response to Vice-Chairperson Gray, Commissioner Spence reported Puente Hills was re-licensed to dispose of waste for 10 more years. Commissioner Spence reported high property values in Beverly Hills have prevented the development of a transfer station. However, Puente Hills hauls a maximum of 4,000 tons of waste disposal per day to Eagle Mountain, Imperial County, which is set to last until 2023. Although prices will be increased, the price fluctuation will be introduced slowly. Also, Commissioner Spence stated the Puente Hills landfill will close in nine years.

Chairperson Rosenthal suggested Commissioner Coombs review the background of the waste management project with Commissioner Rozell for inclusion into the 5 year review.

Chairperson Rosenthal requested staff contact Puente Hills Landfill for an update.

**STUDY COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE STATUS REPORT**

Commissioner Rozell will provide an update on the draft of the Commission's Five Year Sunset Review at the next meeting.

**MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR A FUTURE MEETING)**

There were none.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Shana Epstein  
Gordon Gray  
Patricia Gray  
Algird Leiga  
Sharon Martinez  
Richard Rosenthal  
William Selditz  
David Spence  
Terri Tippit  
Frank Venti

**STAFF**

Martha Littlefield  
Peter Papadakis

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Wendy Brogin  
Walter Coombs  
Rodrigo A. Guerra, Jr.  
Kenneth Rozell